

a first electrode and a transparent second substrate having a second electrode;

a retardation film provided outside said second substrate;

an absorption-type polarizing film provided outside the retardation film for absorbing light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the transmission axis;

a reflection-type polarizing film provided outside said first substrate for reflecting light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the transmission axis;

a light absorbing member provided outside the reflection-type polarizing film; and

a light diffusion layer provided on the outside surface of said absorption-type polarizing film,

wherein said retardation film has relations of $n_x > n_z > n_y$, where n_x is the refractive index in the direction of the phase delay axis, n_y is the refractive index in the Y-axis direction, and n_z is the refractive index in the thickness direction.

Add the following new claims 17 and 18.

17. (Added) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a super twisted nematic liquid crystal cell in which nematic liquid crystal having a twist angle in the range from 180° to 270° is filled and sandwiched between a transparent first substrate having a first electrode and a transparent second substrate having a second electrode;

a retardation film provided outside said second substrate;

an absorption-type polarizing film provided outside the retardation film for absorbing light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the transmission axis;

a reflection-type polarizing film provided outside said first substrate for reflecting light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the transmission axis; and

a color filter as a light absorbing member provided outside the reflection-type polarizing film, wherein said retardation film has relations of $n_x > n_z > n_y$, where n_x is the refractive index in the direction of the phase delay axis, n_y is the refractive index in the Y-axis direction, and n_z is the refractive index in the thickness direction.

18. (Added) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a super twisted nematic liquid crystal cell in which nematic liquid crystal having a twist angle in the range from 180° to 270° is filled and sandwiched between a transparent first substrate having a first electrode and a transparent second substrate having a second electrode;

a retardation film provided outside said second substrate;

an absorption-type polarizing film provided outside the retardation film for absorbing light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the transmission axis;

a reflection-type polarizing film provided outside said first substrate for reflecting light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the transmission axis; and

a solar cell as a light absorbing member provided outside the reflection-type polarizing film, wherein said retardation film has relations of $n_x > n_z > n_y$, where n_x is the refractive index in the direction of the phase delay axis, n_y is the refractive index in the Y-axis direction, and n_z is the refractive index in the thickness direction.